

Texas Commanders Council

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WHO WE ARE



COL Atkins
COL Perry
COL Murphy
COL York



BRIG GEN Lenderman
BRIG GEN Jolly
COL Gentile
COL Mills
COL Parker

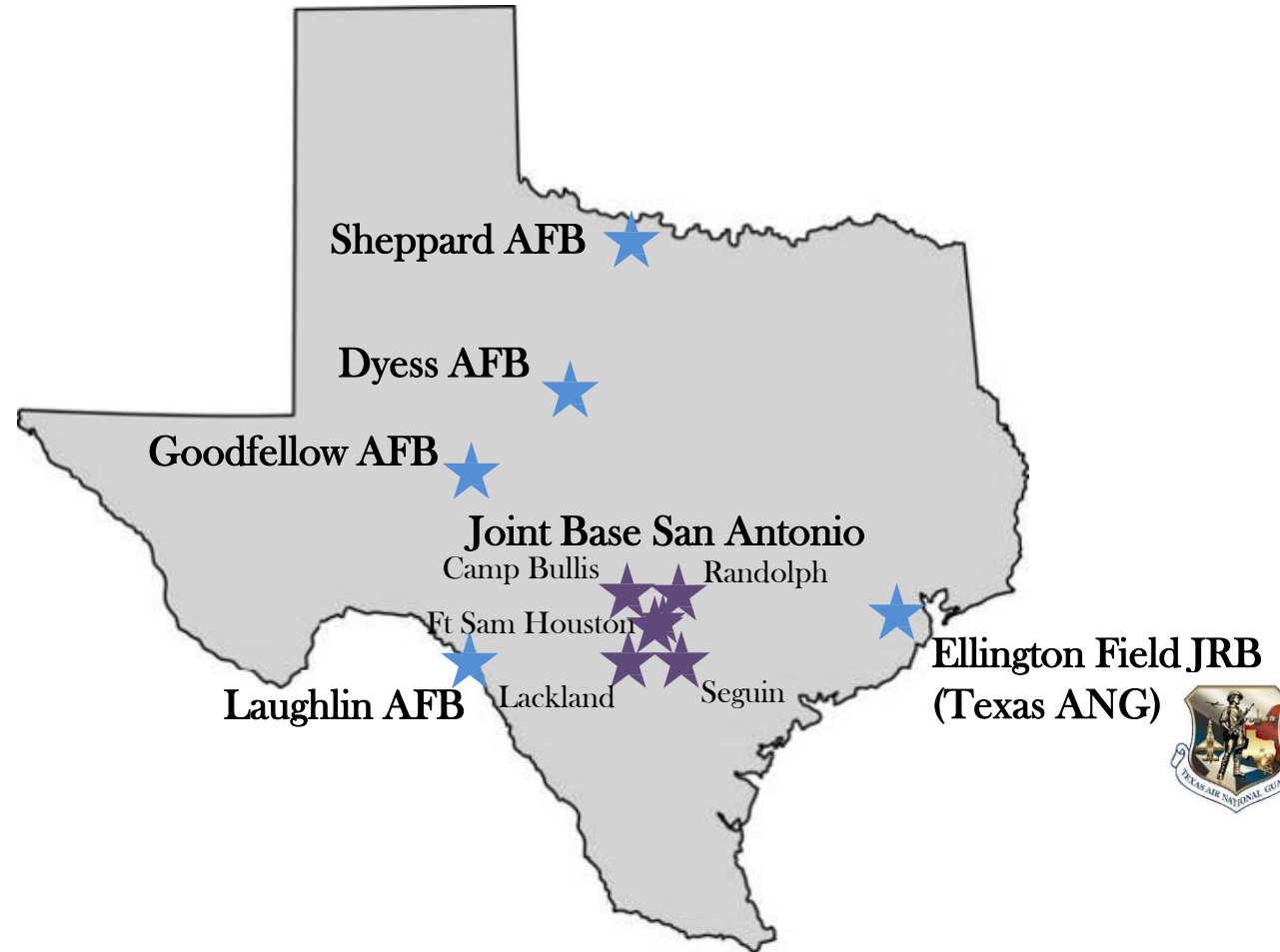


CAPT Brock
CAPT Spitzer
CAPT Townsend

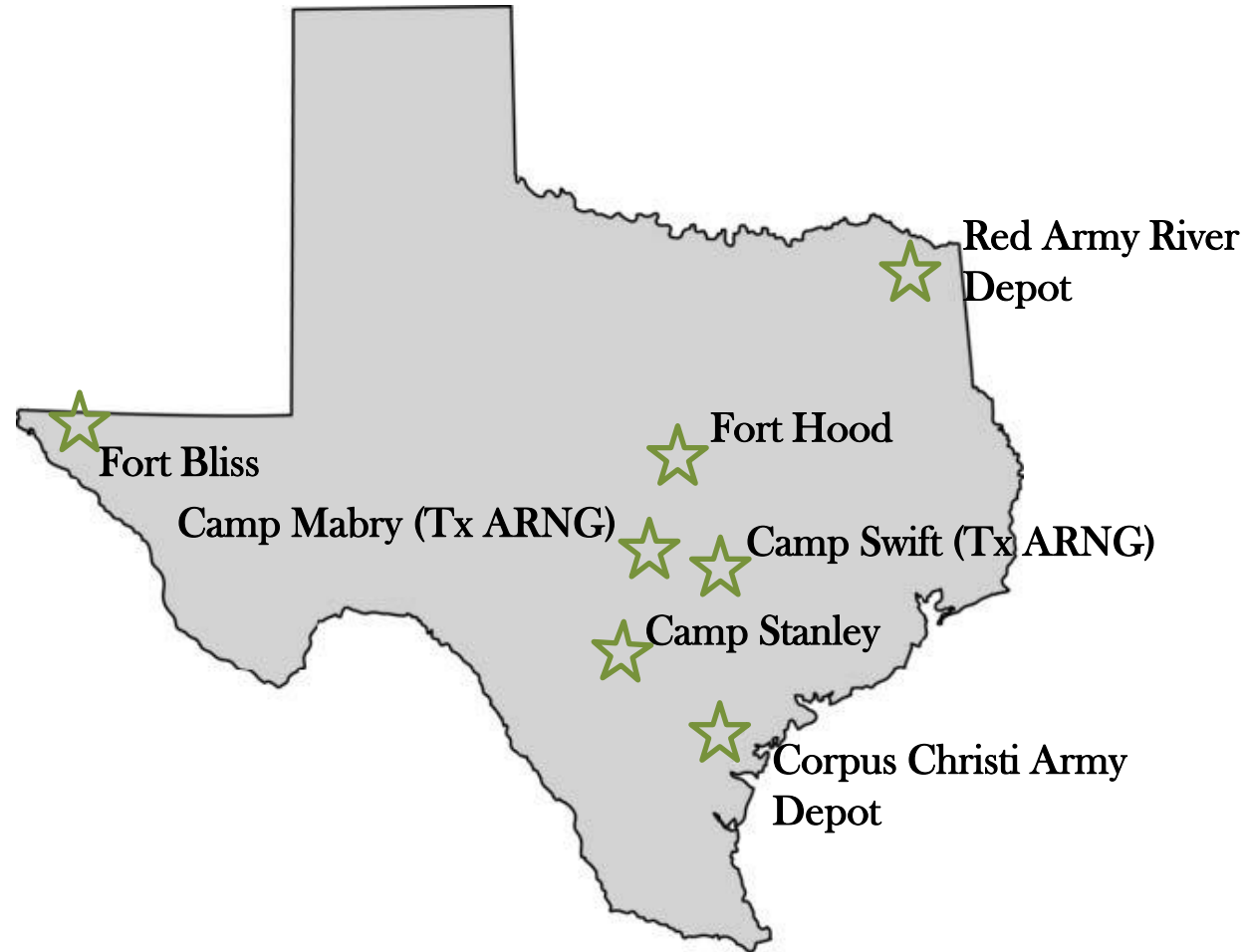


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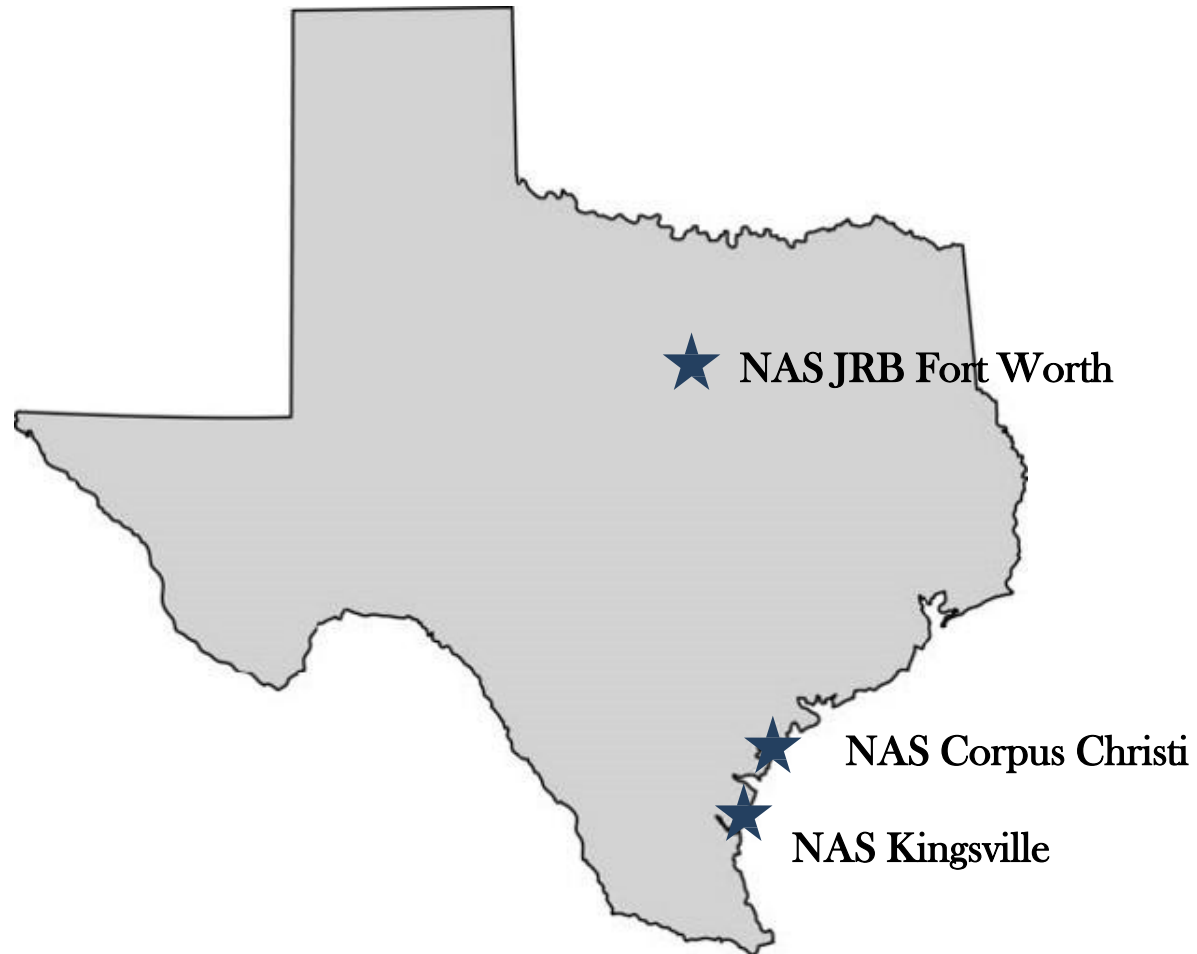
TCC INSTALLATIONS – Air Force



TCC Installations – Army



TCC Installations - Navy



Our Missions



- Dyess Air Force Base – Bomb Wing, Airlift Group, Army and Navy
- Goodfellow Air Force Base – Training Wing, Firefighting & Intelligence Training
- Laughlin Air Force Base – Flying Training Wing, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training
- Sheppard Air Force Base – Allied/Specialized Flight & Technical Training
- Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base – Texas Air and Army Guard, Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, Texas State Guard

Our Missions



Joint Base San Antonio

- Fort Sam Houston – Military Medicine & Multiple Command HQ
- Lackland – Basic & Technical Training, Language, Cybersecurity, Intelligence, Medical, 80,000 U.S. and foreign military students annually
- Randolph – Instructor Pilot, Navigator & Advanced Instrument Flight Training
- Camp Bullis – Training Support to JBSA

Our Missions



- Corpus Christi Army Depot – Helicopter Repair Center of Excellence
- Fort Bliss – Ground Combat Maneuvering & Artillery Training
- Fort Hood – Ground Combat Ready Force & Helicopter Training
- Red River Army Depot – Mechanized Track Vehicle & MRAP Repair

Our Missions



- Naval Air Station Corpus Christi – Primary Pilot Training
- Naval Air Station Kingsville – Strike Pilot Training
- Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base – 10th Air Force, 301st Fighter Wing, 136th Airlift Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 41, 14th Marine Regiment, Tactical Support Wing, Fleet Logistics Support Wing, Navy Region Southeast Reserve Component Command, Army Rotary Wing Maintenance

PURPOSE OF THE TCC



To provide a forum for installation Commander's throughout Texas to promote cooperation, exchange ideas and resolve encroachment concerns impacting our military operations.

And to:

Serve as a collective voice; to sustain, promote, and enhance the military mission for our installations, military operating areas, training ranges and airspace.

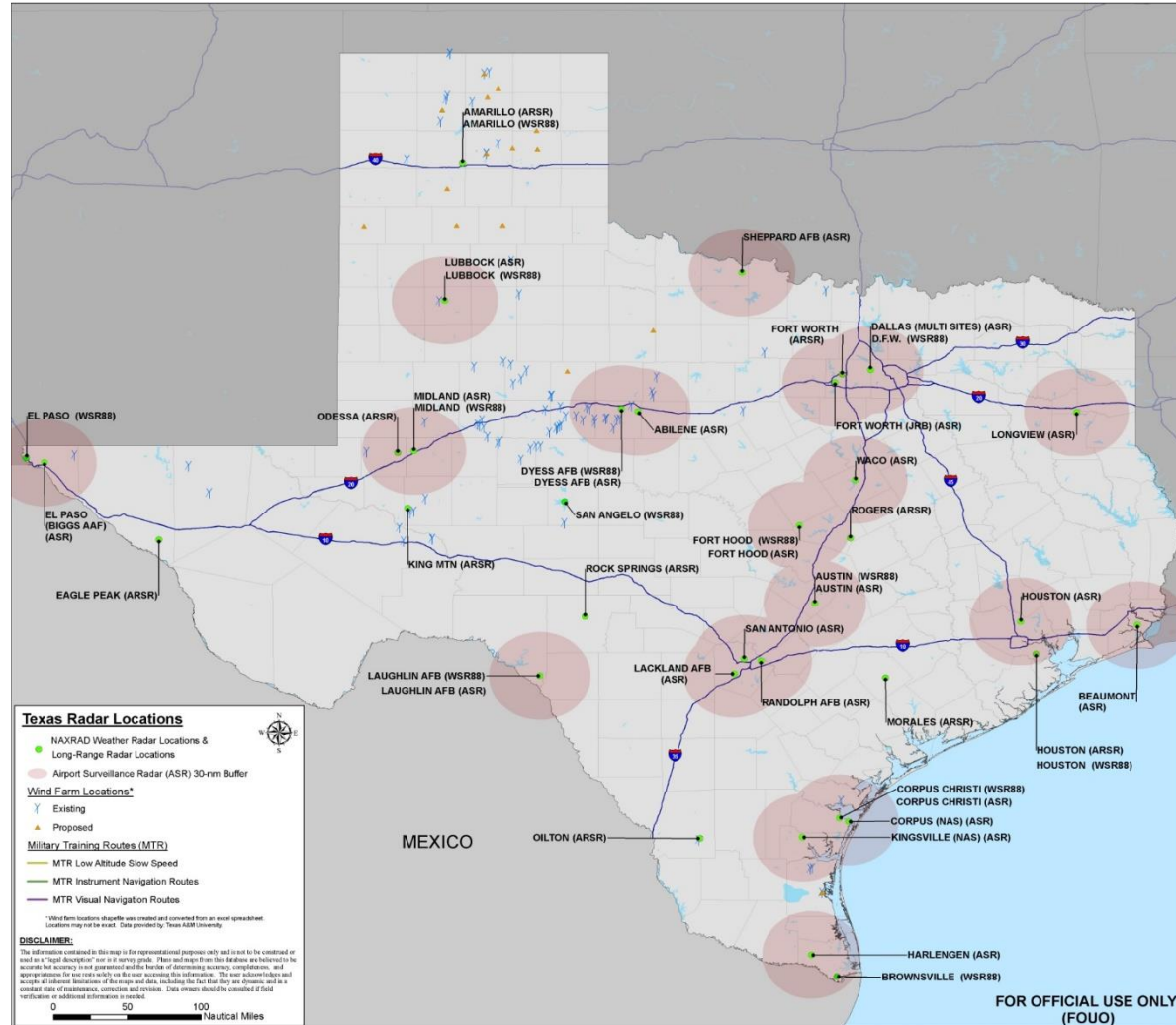
HOW WE SERVE



- We work with local and state officials to ***promote compatible land*** use near our installations
- We make our voices heard to ***reduce the impacts of encroachment*** and work to ***deconflict*** community needs with the needs of the military mission
- We work to ***preserve our ground and air military operating areas***

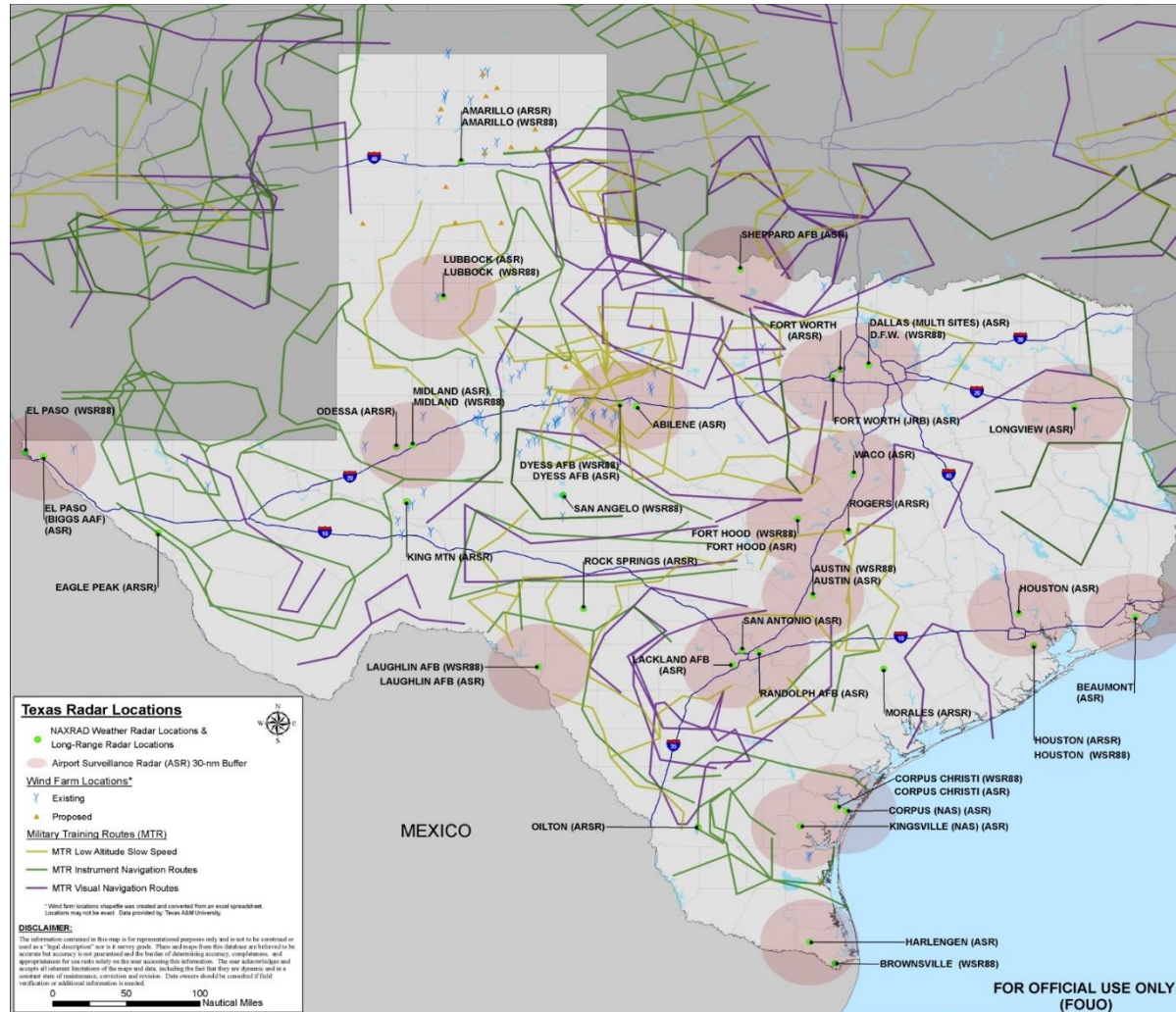
WHERE WE TRAIN

30 Mile Buffer



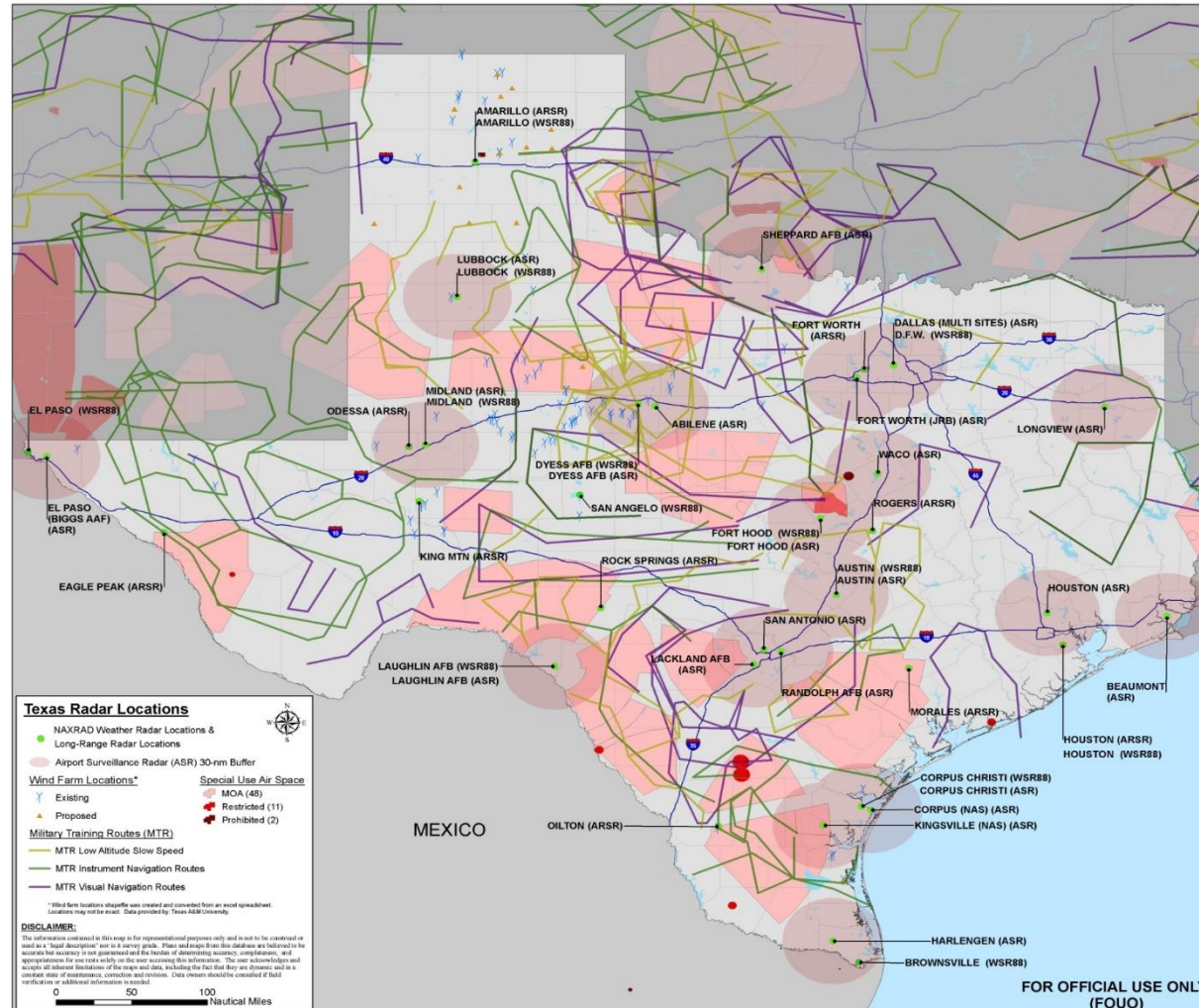
WHERE WE TRAIN

Air Training Routes



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Military Operating Areas (MOA)



Texas Radar Locations

- NEXRAD Weather Radar Locations & Long-Range Radar Locations
- Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR) 30-nm Buffer

Wind Farm Locations*

- Existing
- Proposed

Military Training Routes (MTR)

- MTR Low Altitude Slow Speed
- MTR Instrument Navigation Routes
- MTR Visual Navigation Routes

DISCLAIMER:

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➤ TCC as the *Influencer*

- State & local laws, rules, and regulations can have both positive and negative impacts on mission sustainment and continued installation growth.
- The TCC through the TMPC, TMVTF and other vital Governor appointed military support commissions work to ensure current and future mission concerns are recognized at all levels of government.

TCC & TEXAS LEGISLATURE

- The TCC:
 - Provides a forum to address state-wide military concerns.
 - Provides analysis of how current or future legislation may impact the state-wide military mission.



Source: GAO analysis of Department of Defense information. | GAO-17-86

ENGAGING GOVERNMENTS

- The TCC *can*:
 - Share information about DoD positions.
 - Give presentations about DoD positions.
 - Participate, communicate, build relationships.
 - Testify and/or provide information to government agencies on the impacts to military operations.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE TCC



Installation training requirements and local encroachment impacts are unique, but we all share many of the same common issues:

- **Incompatible Land Use Near Boundaries**
- **Urban Lighting Impacts to Night Training**
- **Frequency Spectrum Interference on Weapons Systems / Navigation**
- **Endangered Species on Federal Lands Curtailing Training Capability**

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE TCC



AIRSPACE COMPATIBILITY IMPACTS:

- **Vertical Structures - Cell Towers, Wind Turbines, Tall Buildings**
- **Radar Interference - Wind Turbines**
- **Emerging Technologies - Unmanned Aircraft (UAS)**
- **Bird / Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH), Wildlife Species on and Around Airfields**

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE TCC



TAKING CARE OF MILITARY, VETERANS, RETIREES, & FAMILIES:

In 2018 Governor Abbott established two committees focused on Texas military quality of life:

- Committee to Support the Military – to maintain and enhance military value at installations. “The State of Texas strongly supports the mission of the U.S. military and actively looks for ways to maintain and enhance our military installations,” said Governor Abbott.
- Auxiliary Military Spouse Task Force (AMSTF) – to provide input to the Governor's Task Force regarding the quality of life for military families in Texas. The task force identified specific challenges facing the military family, such as spouse employment, professional licensure/certification transfer and acceptance, and school age education issues, and identified ways Texas can consider policies that ease the family stress brought about by a military PCS to the state of Texas.

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TAKING CARE OF MILITARY, VETERANS, RETIREES, & FAMILIES:

- TCC sends representative to the National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide;
 - Hosted in Austin, Dec 2018, by Texas Office of Mental Health Coordination.
 - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs program
 - Veteran suicides represent 22% of all suicides in U.S.
 - Identified high on VA priority
 - Highest suicide rates seen among our youngest veterans

Goal of the program – to reduce suicide rates by 20%

- TCC's goal: as we keep mission sustainment and encroachment mitigation high on our priority; we must also keep our warfighters (past and present) and mental health concerns high on our priority as well.

FINAL THOUGHTS ~ CLOSING



Enacted in 2011, the Texas Commander's Council is made up of military installation Commanders, to:

- Foster Cooperation
- Enhance Collaboration
- Enable Coordination

To work together – in cooperation with the State of Texas; to ensure the sustainability of our military missions and operating bases; and the continued preservation of our vital combat training ranges and our flying airspace.

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On behalf of the TCC, thanks for your participation.